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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

During the course of the Commission's hearings, expert testimony has been elicited concerning various items of physical evidence. We would like you to determine, and set forth in one document, where and by whom these items were found following the assassination. In each case, the item should be shown to the person who found it, so that he can identify it by inspection. If he cannot so identify the item, a chain of possession should be traced between him and the first person who can identify it by inspection. However, it is unnecessary to trace the chain of possession forward past the first person who can identify the item by inspection.

As an example, Lieutenant Day of the Dallas Police Department initialled one of the three rifle cartridge cases at 10:00 p.m. on November 22. These cartridge cases should be traced back from 10:00 p.m. to the person by whom they were found, at the time that he found them. The chain of possession need not be traced forward past Lieutenant Day.

The items to be identified are as follows:

(1) the three rifle cartridge cases, C6, C7, C38

(2) the rifle bullet, C1

(3) the two rifle-bullet fragments, C2 and C3

(4) the rifle cartridge, C8

(5) the bullet from the Walker residence, [illegible]

(6) the revolver cartridge cases, [illegible]

(7) the four revolver bullets removed from the body of Officer Tippit, [illegible] et al

(8) the six revolver cartridges found in the revolver at the time of Oswald's arrest, [illegible] and [illegible]

(9) the five revolver cartridges found in Oswald's pocket at the time of his arrest, [illegible]

(10) the green-and-brown blanket, [illegible]

(11) the brownish shirt, [illegible]

(12) Oswald's hair samples, [illegible]

(13) the wrapping-paper bag, [illegible]

(14) the four cartons found in the TSBD, [illegible]

(15) Oswald's application for Dallas P. O. Box 2915, [illegible]

(16) Oswald's change-of-address card for Dallas P. O. Box 2915, [illegible]

(17) Oswald's Form POD 1093 for New Orleans P. O. Box 30061, [illegible]

(18) Oswald's Selective Service System Notice of Classification

(19) Oswald's USMC Certificate of Service

(20) the Selective Service System Notice of Classification in the name of Hidell

(21) the USMC Certificate of Service in the name Hidell

(22) the Fair Play for Cuba Committee card dated June 15, 1963

(23) the vaccination certificate signed Dr. Hideel, [illegible]

(24) the negatives, [illegible]

(25) the two photographs showing Oswald with a rifle, [illegible]

Also, the following items, [illegible] used as attachments in [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]:

([illegible]) Application for Employment with [illegible] Shipping Company, Inc., [illegible]

([illegible]) Affidavit of Support and Other Letters, [illegible]

([illegible]) [illegible]-Oswald [illegible], [illegible]

([illegible]) New Orleans Library card, [illegible]

([illegible]) Diary, [illegible] of the U.S. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

([illegible]) U. S. Marine Corps File, [illegible]

([illegible]) Passport Application [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]

([illegible]) State Department File, [illegible]

([illegible]) Letter to ACLU, [illegible]

([illegible]) Letter to Secretary of Navy, [illegible]

([illegible]) Letter from Oswald to [illegible] General [illegible]

([illegible]) Commission Exhibits [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible] (Letters in Russian)

Some of this information may have been set forth in your previous [illegible] [illegible], we would like a complete answer to this request and [illegible] in a separate, self-contained report.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel